

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8623

By Senator Hatfield

WHEREAS, Bob and Ruth McCausland, celebrated artists and writers, fondly called Tokeland, Washington, their hometown for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Bob and Ruth graced the coastal Washington area with their friendship, talent, and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Bob was a celebrated muralist, cartoonist, and carver; and Ruth, a bird and historical enthusiast; and

WHEREAS, Bob maintained a 33-year career at the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and The Daily World as a cartoonist, and was renowned for his "Hairbreadth Husky" illustrations; and

WHEREAS, The remarkable figurehead on the Lady Washington ship was carved by Bob; and

WHEREAS, Ruth authored "Washington's Westport," a comprehensive and respected regional history volume, and a South Beach Bulletin newspaper column sharing her vast knowledge of birds; and

WHEREAS, The McCauslands were recognized in 1999 for their artistic expression and historical knowledge in Tokeland as Citizens of the Year; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, the McCausland's were awarded the "Historians of the Year" distinction by the Aberdeen Museum of History; and

WHEREAS, The Westport Maritime Museum lecture hall is appropriately named in their honor; and

WHEREAS, Bob and Ruth celebrated both their 65th anniversary and Bob's 90th birthday in 2006; and

WHEREAS, The state of Washington grieved the loss of treasured artist and commentator Bob McCausland in July 2006; and

WHEREAS, Honor and recognition are due to Bob and Ruth McCausland for their community service, art, and writings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the inspirational life of Bob McCausland and celebrate Bob and Ruth McCausland's talented contributions to Washington state culture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Washington State Senate, Ruth McCausland, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer newspaper, The Daily World, the South Beach Bulletin, the Pacific County Historical Society, and the Westport-South Beach Historical Society.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8623,  
adopted by the Senate  
February 6, 2007

THOMAS HOEMANN  
Secretary of the Senate